



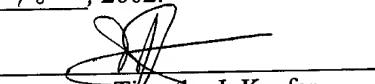
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of Takeshi KUBOTA) SHAPED SHEET AND METHOD FOR
Serial No.: 09/720,584) PRODUCING THE SAME
Filed: December 22, 2000) Attorney Docket: TJK/149
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AMENDMENT "A"

Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed June 18, 2002 in connection with the above-designated application. A response to the Office Action was initially due September 18, 2002. This response is accompanied by a petition, in duplicate, for a three-month extension of the term for response. The new term for response is set to expire December 18, 2002.

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